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Title: **Surgical Instrument System**

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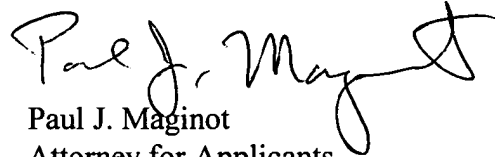
Sir:

In connection with the Office Action mailed October 26, 2005 in the above-entitled application, Applicants respectfully request a two (2) month extension in which to file a response, from January 26, 2006 to March 26, 2006.

The fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 is being submitted herewith. Also, please provide any further extensions of time which may be necessary and charge any fees which may be due to Deposit Account No. 13-0014, but not to include any payment of issue fees.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Maginot", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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